

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim February 2008, as

Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month

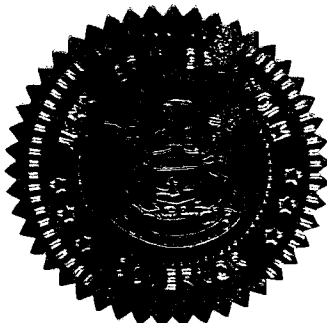
Whereas, Nurturing fathers strengthen Michigan families and are key to children receiving the parenting they need and deserve to thrive; and,


Whereas, Fathers who actively participate in the lives of their children reduce the risks of childhood poverty, child mental illness, juvenile delinquency, youth sexual activity, teen-age pregnancies, substance abuse, and failure to complete high school; and,

Whereas, Fathers who actively participate in the lives of their children enhance the chance for success in social skills, academic performance, adult careers and employment goals, and involved parenting skills for their future families; and,

Whereas, Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity for Michigan citizens to learn more about fatherhood issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, resources, and services to promote positive father involvement; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim February 2008 as Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of responsible fatherhood and work to strengthen our families by ensuring the positive involvement of fathers with Michigan's greatest resource, our children.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor